Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend Paragraph 001 as follows:

[0001] The present application is related to and hereby claims the priority benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. ~~60/_____ (attorneys' docket no. 6728P001Z),~~ <u>60/493,054,</u> entitled "Method and Apparatus for Achieving Dynamic Capacity and High Availability in Multi-stage Data Networks Using Adaptive Flow-based Routing", filed August 5, 2003, incorporated herein by reference.